

1 THE HONORABLE MARC L. BARRECA

2 Hearing Date: June 22, 2012

3 Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.

4 Hearing Location: Seattle

5 Chapter 7

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7 THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

9 Case No. 10-19817

10 In re

11 ADAM R. GROSSMAN,

12 Debtor.
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RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL
STATEMENT REGARDING TRUSTEE'S
MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT
OF ISSUES RELATING TO REAL
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 868
MONTCREST DRIVE, REDDING
CALIFORNIA 96003

15 COMES NOW the Debtor, Adam R. Grossman, by and through his attorney of record
16 Jeffrey B. Wells, and in reply to the trustee's supplemental submission in support of settlement,
17 states as follows.
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19 **The Effect of Settlement on Creditors**

20 The trustee submits an analysis which he uses to suggest that a denial of the proposed
21 settlement would have a negative impact on the estate and would unduly burden Ms. Borodin at
22 the expense of the unsecured creditors. This analysis lacks basis in legal authority, self-
23 consistency, and proper accounting.

24 In summary, the settlement should be rejected based upon the factors discussed in A&C

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1 Properties 784 F.2d 1377 (9th Cir. 1986).

2 **A. Probability of Success in Litigation.**

3 Debtor previously served as managing member for the SEC-regulated entity that
4 currently holds lawful interest in the subject property. He is quite certain that substantial
5 litigation will prevail.

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7 **B. Difficulties to be encountered in the matter of collection.**

8 As the Trustee states, this factor is not applicable.

9 **C. Complexity of litigation and expense, inconvenience and delay attendant**
10 **therewith.**

11 The Trustee originally estimated a \$10,000 cost to resolve the question of the inclusion of
12 the Montcrest property in the estate. Subsequent pleadings have mentioned \$25,000. The
13 trustee's estimate that legal fees in attempting to obtain an order that the Montcrest property
14 can be used to pay community net would amount to \$25,000 seems high. Other than preparing
15 an adversary complaint it would seem that the question as to whether the Montcrest property is
16 property of the estate is a legal question and would be susceptible to a summary judgment
17 motion. While the trustee may not wish to use the material submitted by the Debtor on this
18 question to date arguing that the Montcrest property is property of the estate, it would seem that
19 the trustee could fashion his own summary judgment motion using that material without much
20 difficulty. Summary judgment ought not to cost more than the original \$10,000 estimate.

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23 **D. Best Interest of Creditors.**

24 Debtor will file a motion for alternative administration of the estate prior to the date of

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1 the hearing which provides a significantly better scenario for creditors.

2 The settlement should be rejected.

3 Dated this 18th day of June, 2012.

4 /s/ Jeffrey B. Wells
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6 Attorney for the Debtor
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